

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-26. (CANCELLED)

27. (NEW) Device for transferring lollipops provided with a stick, comprising a transferrer, a first conveyor for supply of the lollipops to the transferrer and a second conveyor for discharge of the lollipops from the transferrer, wherein the first conveyor and the second conveyor comprise series of lollipop holders provided with first and second lollipop clamps, respectively, disposed on a first and a second conveyor line, respectively, such as a chain, to keep the lollipops, in particular the sticks, in a first orientation and a second orientation, respectively, wherein the first and second orientations are at an angle to each other, and wherein the transferrer is provided with third lollipop clamps and a holder for them, wherein the holder is disposed for moving the third lollipop clamps from a position for taking over the lollipops supplied by the first conveyor in the first orientation to a position for discharge of the lollipops in the second orientation to the second conveyor.

28.(NEW) Device according to claim 27, wherein the first, second and/or third lollipop clamps are designed for clamping the sticks of the lollipops.

29.(NEW) Device according to claim 27, wherein the first and second orientation are approximately transverse to each other.

30.(NEW) Device according to claim 29, wherein the first and second orientation are perpendicular to each other.

31.(NEW) Device according to claim 27, wherein the first orientation or second orientation is vertical.

32.(NEW) Device according to claim 31, wherein the first or second lollipop stick clamps hold the lollipops in the vertical orientation with their heads hanging down.

33.(NEW) Device according to claim 27, wherein the first conveyor is provided with first driving means for driving the first conveyor line for moving the first lollipop clamps at a first speed, wherein the second conveyor is provided with second driving means for driving the second conveyor line for moving the second lollipop clamps at a second speed, wherein the transerrer is provided with third driving means for driving the holder for moving the third lollipop clamps at a third speed, wherein the

third speed is higher than the first speed at the location where the lollipops are taken over by the transferrer.

34.(NEW) Device according to claim 33, wherein the second speed at the location where the lollipops are taken over from the transferrer is higher than the third speed.

35.(NEW) Device according to claim 27, wherein the holder is rotatable about a fixed centre line.

36.(NEW) Device according to claim 35, wherein at rotation the holder describes a conical surface with the third lollipop clamps.

37.(NEW) Device according to claim 36, wherein the orientation of the third lollipop clamps continuously alternates between a horizontal and a vertical position during the circulation.

38.(NEW) Device according to claim 36, wherein the conical surface has an inclined centre line, preferably a centre line at 45 degrees,

39.(NEW) Device according to claim 27, wherein the third lollipop clamps comprise first and second metal, particularly steel clamps.

40. (NEW) Device according to claim 39, wherein the first clamp is L-shaped, and is hinged to the holder at the location of its corner, and of which the first leg at the end forms a first clamping surface, wherein third clamps comprise biassing means for biassing the first clamping surface to a second clamping surface provided on the second clamp, wherein the second leg of the first clamp is provided with a first cam follower surface for engagement of a stationary positioned cam, preferably comprising a roller, for rotation of the first clamp with respect to the second clamp.

41. (NEW) Device according to claim 40, wherein the first cam follower surface is curved, preferably concave.

42. (NEW) Device according to claim 40, wherein the second leg of the first clamp is furthermore provided with a convex top fluently following the first cam follower surface, with which top the ultimate open position of the first clamp is defined.

43. (NEW) Device according to claim 42, wherein a second cam follower surface, which preferably is curved, particularly concave, follows the convex top.

44. (NEW) Device according to claim 43, wherein the chords of the arcs of the first and second cam follower surfaces enclose an obtuse angle.

45.(NEW) Device according to claim 40, wherein the second clamp is stationary with respect to the first clamp.

46.(NEW) Clamping device for holding products provided with sticks, such as lollipops, comprising first and second metal, particularly steel clamps, wherein the first clamp is L-shaped, and is hinged to a mobile holder at the location of its corner, and of which the first leg at the end forms a first clamping surface, wherein the holder comprises biasing means for biasing the first clamping surface to a second clamping surface provided on the second clamp, wherein the second leg of the first clamp is provided with a first cam follower surface for engagement of a cam with respect to the holder stationary positioned cam for rotation of the first clamp with respect to the second clamp.

47.(NEW) Device according to claim 46, wherein the first cam follower surface is curved, preferably concave.

48.(NEW) Device according to claim 46, wherein the second leg of the first clamp is provided with a convex top fluently following the first cam follower surface, with which top the ultimate open position of the first clamp is defined.

49. (NEW) Device according to claim 48, wherein a second cam follower surface, which preferably is curved, particularly concave, follows the convex top.

50. (NEW) Device according to claim 49, wherein the chords of the arcs of the first and second cam follower surfaces enclose an obtuse angle.

51. (NEW) Device according to claim 46, wherein the second clamp with respect to the first clamp is stationary attached to the holder.

52. (NEW) Device according to claim 46, adapted for clamping a stick of a lollipop.

53. (NEW) Device according to claim 46, wherein the cam comprises a roller.

54. (NEW) Device for transferring lollipops provided with a stick, comprising a transerrer, a first conveyor for supply of the lollipops to the transerrer and a second conveyor for discharge of the lollipops from the transerrer, wherein the first conveyor and the second conveyor comprise series of lollipop holders provided with first and second stick clamps, respectively, disposed on a first and a second conveyor line, respectively, such

as a chain, to keep the sticks in a first orientation and a second orientation, respectively, wherein the first and second orientations are at an angle to each other, and wherein the transerrer is provided with third stick clamps and a holder for them, wherein the holder is disposed for moving the third stick clamps from a position for taking over the sticks supplied by the first conveyor in the first orientation to a position for discharge of the sticks in the second orientation to the second conveyor.